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Dear Friend:

Important news---we're working on catch-up legislation for the divorced and widowed spouses excluded from receiving retirement and survivor benefits under the 1982 Act modifying the agency's retirement plan. Letters have gone to both select committees with oversight responsibilities, and some preliminary conferences with Congressional staff members have been held.

To establish the necessity for this remedial legislation, we need to gather data on the circumstances of the women in the omitted group. An important reason for their exclusion was the belief that they had been well provided for through property settlements and survivor benefits and therefore any further financial aid was unnecessary.

To prepare our letters, a telephone canvass was hastily organized. Answers to the attached questionnaire were solicited. If you have not yet responded to these questions, would you complete this form and return it to me as soon as possible? Names will not be used, but the data base is essential.

And finally--our next meeting will be held on May 7 at my home--3 p.m. this time, please. We ~~hope~~ you can come. We'll need all the help we can get if this legislation is to go through.

Hope to see you!

Sincerely,